

Raymond Planning Board Minutes

November 05, 2009

Approved 11/19/09

Place: Raymond High School; Media Center

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Jonathan Wood, Chairman; Carolyn Matthews, Vice Chairman; Jim Kent, Secretary; Selectmen's Ex-Officio; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Doug Vogel.

Staff Present: Ernest Cartier Creveling, Community Development Director; Walter Mitchell, Legal Counsel; Robert Price, Planning Technician.

Pledge of Allegiance

Jonathan Wood announced that the Planning Board is seeking Alternates, as there are currently none, and can be up to five. Additionally, Mr. Wood announced that the Planning Board is seeking someone to fill a vacant seat representing Raymond on the Southern NH Planning Commission.

Public Hearings - Thibeault Quarry

Continued from 10/29/2009; Application #2007-002: An application for an Excavation Plan has been submitted by Thibeault Sand & Gravel, LLC, on land known as Nashua River Land Corporation, for a quarrying operation. The properties are shown on Raymond Tax Map 32, Lots 43 & 68; Map 37, Lot 2; and Map 38, Lots 12 & 13; accessed via NH State Route 27.

Carolyn Matthews announced that she must recuse herself from this hearing, and stepped down.

Members Sitting for this Hearing: Jonathan Wood; Jim Kent; Gretchen Gott; Bill Cantwell; Doug Vogel.

Eric Reuter of Reuter Associates gave a presentation to the Planning Board regarding potential environmental noise impacts. A copy of Mr. Reuter's presentation is on file in the Community Development Department.

Next, the Planning Board heard a presentation from John Vetne, an abutting resident of Clearwater Estates and Legal Counsel for the Upper Lamprey Neighbors' Group. Mr. Vetne's presentation focused on the impact of traffic, and served as a rebuttal to the traffic impact study submitted by the applicant. Mr. Vetne explained that a passenger car equivalent is missing from the traffic study.

Mr. Vetne added that the applicant has never submitted anything to corroborate his assumption that 60% of the truck traffic will travel toward the east, and 40% toward the west.

Jonathan Wood asked if Southern NH Planning Commission (SNHPC) should weigh in on Mr. Vetne's request for comments regarding the lack of a passenger car equivalent being present within the traffic study.

Gretchen Gott requested that the Board be polled to determine if comments should be sought from both SNHPC and Norway Plains Associates, Inc., the Town's traffic consultant:

POLL RESULTS

Jim Kent - Yes

Doug Vogel - Yes

Gretchen Gott - Yes

Jonathan Wood - Yes

Bill Cantwell - Yes

Community Development Director Cartier Creveling stated he would speak to both Tim White of SNHPC and Don Rhodes of Norway Plains per the Board's request.

Next, Richard Snow, a member of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Candia presented general concerns to the Planning Board. A copy of Mr. Snow's presentation is available in the Community Development Department. Mr. Snow noted that the Town of Candia's Board of Selectmen, as a whole, agreed that Mr. Snow should make a presentation to the Raymond Planning Board; however he indicated that not every Selectman may agree with the content, nor has the Candia Board of Selectmen taken an official vote regarding Mr. Snow's presentation, or its contents.

Presentation to the Planning Board by Tim Stone of StoneHill Environmental

Tim Stone of StoneHill Environmental, Inc. presented to the Planning Board regarding rock blasting that occurred in the Town of Windham in 2006, which was frequently referenced by abutter and public presentations which were given during the October 29, 2009 meeting. A copy of Mr. Stone's presentation is available in the Community Development Department.

MOTION: Jim Kent made a motion to continue this hearing to December 03, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Raymond High School. Bill Cantwell seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 4-0-1, with Doug Vogel opposed.

Work Session- Zoning Amendments

The Planning Board decided to table this agenda item to its next meeting due to time constraints.

Work Session - Excavation Regulations

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Other Business

No other business was discussed.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bill Cantwell made a motion to adjourn. Doug Vogel seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Price
Planning Technician